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Applicant: Tugenberg et al.)
For: Method for Purchasing Items)
Over a Non-Secure)
Communication Channel)
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RESPONSE after Notice of Appeal, and
Request for Reconsideration of the Finality of the Office Action

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to an Office Action mailed October 10, 2003, with a three month period for response, and a Notice of Appeal filed January 12, 2003, the applicants would respectfully request that the Examiner consider the enclosed remarks, correspondingly reexamine and reconsider the claims of the present application, and in the event that the present response does not convince the Examiner that the present application is in condition for allowance, that the Examiner reconsider the finality of the prior Office Action.

No fee is believed to be due, in connection with the filing and consideration of the present response. While no fee is believed to be due, if applicants understanding is incorrect, the applicant's representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees deemed to be required by the present response including any fee required to cover any deficiency associated with any underpayment, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2117.